

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air the anti-Kerry documentary "Stolen Honor" days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. This is extremely offensive to me and dishonors all Americans.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get far less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and especially more substantive news about issues that matter. Unfortunately, we learn more about American affairs from relatives in Europe and Asia than from our own media!

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.